

MARYLAND MEDICAID ADVISORY COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, January 25, 2021
TIME: 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
LOCATION: GoToWebinar

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AGENDA

- I. Departmental Report
- II. Public Health Update
- III. MDTHINK Eligibility & Enrollment New System Overview
- IV. 2020 Open Enrollment Update & COVID SEP
- V. Waiver, State Plan and Regulations Changes
- VI. Public Comments
- VII. Adjournment

Next Meeting: Monday, February 22, 2021, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

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MINUTES

November 19, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ms. Shannon Hall
Ms. Robin Moore
Ms. Linda Dietsch
Rachel Dodge, M.D.
Winifred Booker, D.D.S
The Hon. Joseline Peña-Melnyk
Mr. Kenneth Garove
Ms. Marie McLendon
Mr. Ben Steffen
Mr. William Webb
Mr. Floyd Hartley
Ms. Nicole McCann
Mr. Paul Miller
Ms. Diane McComb
Ms. Jessica Dickerson
The Hon. Pat Young
Ms. Vickie Walters
Kathryn Fiddler, DNP
Adeteju Ogunrinde, M.D
Ms. Anna Sierra
Mr. Vincent DeMarco

MEMBERS ABSENT:

The Hon. Antonio Hayes
The Hon. Matthew Morgan
Ms. Maansi Raswant

Maryland Medicaid Advisory Committee

November 19, 2020

Call to Order and Approval of Minutes

Ms. Vickie Walters, Chair, called to order the meeting of the Maryland Medicaid Advisory Committee (MMAC) at 1:00 p.m. Committee members approved the minutes from the October 22, 2020 meeting as written.

Departmental Report and COVID-19 Updates

Ms. Tricia Roddy, Assistant Medicaid Director, provided the Committee with a combined Departmental report and COVID-19 update.

Enrollment during the pandemic continues to increase and Maryland Medicaid enrollment has surpassed 1.5 million enrollees (see attached chart).

The number of positive COVID cases has increased in Maryland. We are working hard at planning for the second surge. Also, we are beginning to plan for how to administer the vaccine across Maryland. The vaccine will be distributed to states from the federal government. A key role for Medicaid will be to ensure providers are paid for administering the vaccine and there are no barriers to payment. The federal government has identified payment codes for the administration of the vaccine. CMS has set Medicare rates for the administration of the vaccine. The Medicare rates are \$16.94 for the first dose and \$28.39 for the second dose. Maryland Medicaid will be paying the same rates as Medicare rates. Right now, the federal government has indicated that it will cover the ingredient cost of the vaccine. States need to only cover the administration costs.

The Federal Drug Administration (FDA) has issued an emergency use authorization to cover an investigational infusion therapy product. The FDA has authorized the product to treat individuals with COVID-19. Medicaid programs are required to cover these infusion therapy procedures. Medicaid will be reimbursing for the administration of the infusion therapy product. We intend to pay for this at the Medicare rate as well. We are working with our nine managed care organizations (MCOs) to make sure that they are able to pay their providers for these services as well.

CareFirst has now bought the University of Maryland Health Plan. CareFirst owns, operates and manages the Plan and they will be participating in Departmental meetings. CareFirst has licensed the name from University of Maryland so CareFirst will continue to be called University of Maryland Health Plan. We will be working with them to change the name by March 1, 2021.

HealthChoice Quality

In the past, the Department has dedicated October as quality month for the HealthChoice Program. Our goal is to once again have these quality discussions in October. We do not have

all of the results for performance year 2019. We wanted to take the opportunity to present the components that are completed, however.

Ms. Roddy indicated that a key area of focus over the next year is to improve the quality oversight of the MCOs. This will include revisiting our Value-Based Purchasing initiative and whether or not we are appropriately penalizing the MCOs who are not performing well.

Ms. Monchel Pridget, Deputy Director, Managed Care Medical Benefits Management Administration informed the Committee that this will be a little different from the quality presentation that they typically receive around the beginning of the calendar year because we are focusing on only two areas of our quality program; value-based purchasing and MCO performance monitoring (see attached presentation).

PACE CMMI LTSS

Ms. Laura Goodman, Division Chief, Evaluation, Research and Data Analytics, and Ms. Madeline Jackson-Fowl, HSCRC, gave the Committee an overview of long-term supports services (LTSS) deliverables that is being developed for the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI) (see attached presentation).

Update on Maternal Opioid Misuse Grant

Ms. Laura Goodman, Project Director, gave the Committee an update on the Maternal Opioid Misuse Model (MOM) (see attached presentation).

Waiver, State Plan and Regulation Changes

Ms. Nina McHugh, Medicaid Provider Services, gave the Committee a status update on waivers, regulations and state plan amendment changes.

Regulations – The Family Planning Program regulations are due still in comment period. Printed as of November 6, 2020 are the pharmacy services, urgent care centers, home health, pharmacists, HealthChoice VBP, and general provider regulations are all comment period until December 7, 2020.

State Plan Amendments (SPAs) – The home health SPA was approved by CMS. The 1915i, DDA-TCM, and DME & Oxygen Rate SPAs are with CMS and the Department is working with them to get those approved. Last week we submitted the emergency service transporter supplemental payment program.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Adjournment

Ms. Walters adjourned the meeting at 2:40 p.m.